

honesty and forthrightness, they probably ought to adopt it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, just in response to a few of the comments that were made. Senator Morehead, in no way is this an attempt by me to kill the bill or to be sarcastic. Pat, that is just the normal tone of my voice. The sunset provision that the bill provides for is something that is every session dealt with here. This year alone I bet there is at least five or six bills that deal with wiping out sunset provisions. I know that I carried two myself this year, so it is not something that I am unfamiliar with in terms of doing away with sunset provisions. I guess what I am saying through this amendment is why even put the thing in place. Senator Moore is correct. Ak-Sar-Ben does a lot of good things and this amendment would allow them to do many more in terms of public service and let them do them beyond the three year hiatus that we give them in this bill. Senator Vard Johnson rose and said three different times, I rise in strong opposition to Senator Hall's amendment, and the basic reason he gave for that is that the bill was not meant to be a permanent solution. I mean, ladies and gentlemen, far be it from this body ever to put into law something that would be a permanent solution. I mean, sure, let's just continue to do a half-assed job of the operation. It is ridiculous. If that isn't the worst reason to oppose the amendment. I mean, Vard, no wonder you ran out of the Chamber as fast as you did. That is exactly the problem we have before us. It is exactly the problem. We are taking a situation that everyone agrees needs to be addressed because of the competition that has arisen up around this state with regard to parimutuel wagering and other forms of gambling, and we have said, okay, we have got to address it with regards to the tracks in the State of Nebraska, but we are only going to address it part way. We are only going to do it for three years, and during that three-year time, some miracle is going to take place, and as Senator Johnson put it, no pun intended, he said after that time all bets are off, all bets are off. So what does that mean? Does that mean we continue to let a few lobbyists thrive on the tails of Ak-Sar-Ben when they come back in here three years from now and bring in a bill very similar to LB 467? Hey, let's do it right the first time. Sue always says when I get angry my voice goes up an octave. I am not angry, just excited. Ladies and gentlemen, this bill isn't all that bad. It is bad timing with regard to the rest of the state and the economy and some of the issues that Senator Schmit...Senator